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FOLLOWING USUN 0999 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO ADDIS ABABA
BONN DAR ES SALAAM GENEVA LAGOS LONDON MOSCOW NEW DELHI
OTTAWA PARIS PORT LOUIS PRETORIA CAPE TOWN APRIL 2; REPEATED
TO YOU QUOTE

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CAPETOWN FOR EMBASSY

GENEVA FOR MAYNES

PARIS FOR SECRETARY'S PARTY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, US, UN, UNSC, SF, WA

SUBJECT: UNSC DEBATE ON SOUTH AFRICA

REF: (A) USUN 981; (B) USUN 980

1. AMB YOUNG MET WITH AFRICAN GROUP MORNING OF APRIL 1 TO
PRESENT WESTERN THINKING BEHIND SUGGESTED CHANGES TO LATEST
AFRICAN DRAFT (SEPTTEL) FOLLOWING AMB YOUNG'S DEPARTURE,
GROUP ENTERED LONG DISCUSSION ABOUT VALUE OF DECLARATION.
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EARLY IN THE AFTERNOON THEY ASKED THE SC PRESIDENT, VENE-
ZEULA, TO CANCEL THE SCHEDULED PM SC MEETING, BECAUSE
THEY WANTED TO CONTINUE THEIR CONSULTATIONS.

2. AF GP MEETING CONTINUED INTO THE LATE EVENING. AFRICAN
MISOFFS LEAVING THE SESSION TOLD USUN MISOFF THAT
MANY OF THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE DISCUSSION WERE

VERY CRITICAL OF THE LATEST WESTERN TEXT (REFTEL B),
ESPECIALLY PARA 16, AND THAT THERE EXISTED A RISING TIDE OF
BELIEF THAT THE PRESENT DRAFT DOES NOT REPRESENT MUCH
OF AN IMPROVEMENT IN OR ADVANCEMENT OF WESTERN POLICY CONCERNING
SOUTHERN AFRICA; IN FACT, MANY REPS WERE AGAIN STARTING TO
VIEW THE DECLARATION AS MERELY AN ATTEMPT BY THE WEST TO
AVOID CONSIDERING THE RESOLUTIONS.

3. AFRICAN GROUP IS REPORTEDLY GOING TO DRAFT: 1)
COUNTER-PROPOSALS TO LATEST WESTERN SUGGESTIONS WHICH THEY
WOULD EXPECT TO BE REJECTED; THUS LEADING THEM TO 2)
A BRAND NEW TEXT WHICH, ALTHOUGH UNACCEPTABLE TO THE WEST,
WOULD BE READ IN THE COUNCIL AS AN AFRICAN (AND PERHAPS
NONALIGNED) DOCUMENT.

4. COMMENT: WESTERN SOLIDARITY REMAINS STRONG AND, AT
THE SAME TIME AS THE AFRICAN GROUP SEEMS TO BE MOVING AWAY
FROM COMPROMISE, THE WESTERN GROUP IS INCREASING THE AMOUNT
OF INTERNAL COORDINATION AND CONSENSUS AGREEMENT WHICH HAS
BEEN CHARACTERISTIC OF THIS EXERCISE SINCE IT BEGAN
SEVERAL WEEKS AGO. ASIDE FROM A SLIGHTLY STRONGER BRITISH
POSITION ON PARA 16, THERE HAS BEEN NO SUBSTANTIVE DIS-
AGREEMENT WITH ANY DECISION THE GROUP HAS MADE. WE RETAIN OUR
OPTIMISM, BUT BELIEVE THAT THE ODDS AGAINST SC ADOPTION OF THE
DECLARATION HAVE RISEN CONSIDERABLY DURING THE COURSE
OF TODAY'S SEVEN OR EIGHT HOURS OF AFRICAN GP MEETINGS.
WE FORESEE NEXT CONTACT BY THE AFRICAN GROUP WITH THE
WESTERN FIVE MONDAY AFTERNOON APRIL 4, AND DO NOT EXPECT
THE SC DEBATE ON THIS ITEM TO END BEFORE TUESDAY OR WED-
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WEDNESDAY OF NEXT WEEK. YOUNG UNQUOTE VANCE

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